

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR MASSAGE THERAPY**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 17, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Massage Therapy was held at the Office of Occupation and Professions 911 Leawood Drive, Frankfort Kentucky, on October 17, 2011.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Theresa Crisler, ND, Board Chair  
Denise Logsdon, LMT  
Cheryl Turner, ND, Vice-Chair  
Holly Barnhill, LMT  
Laurie Bond Horsford, Secretary

**OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS STAFF**

Jeremy Horton, Deputy Executive Director  
Carolyn Benedict, Board Administrator

**OTHERS**

Eric Byrd, AMTA-KY Laws and Legislation  
Aimee Osborne  
Teresa Sloan, Bluegrass School of Professional Massage

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Max Maxwell, Citizen-at-Large

**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Michael West, Board Attorney

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Crisler, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m.

**ETHICS TRAINING**

John Steffan, with Executive Branch Ethics Commission, gave a presentation on ethical guidelines for Board Members.

**MINUTES**

September 19, 2011 minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Ms. Logsdon to approve the minutes, with amendments. Motion, seconded by Ms. Turner, carried unanimously.

**GUEST**

Ms. Teresa Sloan, owner of the Bluegrass School of Professional Massage, appeared before the Board to discuss an issue with regard to her school providing the appropriate hours of instruction required by law. The issue stemmed around an application submitted at the September meeting that had been denied. Ms. Sloan expressed her frustration with the fact that her program had been granted a Certificate of Good Standing, based upon its curriculum, and that many former students had previously been granted licenses by the Board. Ms. Sloan indicated that she had allowed the applicant to complete an additional 25 hours of study and was able to provide the Board with an updated transcript. The Board expressed their appreciation with Ms. Sloan's willingness to bring her program of instruction into compliance. Following Ms. Sloan's presentation, and subsequent discussion, Ms. Barnhill made a motion that the application of Mary Dunn be approved pending receipt of the syllabi and exam score for the additional coursework. Motion, seconded by Ms. Horsford, carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The financial statement was reviewed.

### **REPORT FROM O&P**

With regard to the upcoming biennial budget, Mr. Horton discussed the Board's initiative to discontinue sending wallet cards. Ms. Logsdon reported that she had sent contact names and emails for association contacts to Ms. Benedict so she could send them a request to survey their membership regarding the discontinuance of wallet cards. The associations would be asked to report their findings to Ms. Benedict via email in 30 days.

Mr. Horton also reported that the Board would no longer be able to use the Office of Inspector General for investigative services because the law did not allow for it. Mr. Horton said that one option was to post a Request for Proposal (RFP) for an investigator. Mr. Horton was asked to provide the Board with information with regard to the amount of money other comparable boards budget for investigator positions. Mr. Horton was also asked to provide the Board with a copy of the last RFP the Board would have used.

### **LICENSURE STATUS REPORT**

A Licensure Status Report ending September 30, 2011 and report showing licensed expired in September 2011, was presented to the Board for review. A motion was made by Ms. Logsdon to approve the report. Motion, seconded by Ms. Turner, carried unanimously.

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Ms. Crisler reported on the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards conference she recently attended. She stated that 41 boards were currently affiliated with the federations and that 32 of them were represented at the conference.

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Mr. West discussed correspondence from an attorney regarding an applicant for licensing as a massage therapist. He indicated that he'd been trying to obtain the records for his client from the Kentucky State Board for Proprietary Education because the school she attended, Kentucky School of Therapeutic Massage, was no longer in business. The attorney indicated that the records were not available. **MICHAEL – MY NOTES**  
**DON'T INDICATE ANY ACTION WAS TAKEN. IS THIS CORRECT?**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Jake Kilbride has provided the Board with additional information with regard to the use of the modality of Gua Sha. It was determined that additional research and information would need to be gathered so that the Board could make an informed decision with regard to whether or not a person would have to be licensed as a Massage Therapist in order to perform the technique. Following discussion, Ms. Turner made a motion that Mr. West send a letter to the Chiropractic board asking if the technique fell under their jurisdiction, or if they were familiar with it. Ms. Logsdon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Crisler asked Ms. Barnhill and Ms. Logsdon for an update on their research regarding business courses that the Board might consider offering as continuing education in 2012. Ms. Barnhill reported that the Lexington Healing Arts Academy was willing to donate the space and business trainer for the courses to be taught. Ms. Logsdon stated that she would be glad to provide 3 hours of ethics training.

Ms. Barnhill was continuing to revise a letter to be sent to schools holding certificates of good standing regarding renewal.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was discussed.

### **COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Complaint Committee met on October 17, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. at the Office of Occupations and Professions 911 Leawood Drive, Frankfort Kentucky. Ms. Turner provided the following recommendations:

2011-01 – Civil complaint filed. Ongoing.  
2011-04 – Prehearing conference has been scheduled. Ongoing.  
2011-05 – Cease and Desist letter pending. Ongoing.  
2011-07 – Complaint committee recommended filing civil action seeking injunction. Ongoing  
2011-09 – Settlement agreement accepted. Closed.  
2011-10 – Injunction entered. Closed  
2011-12 – Administrative Complaint to be filed. Ongoing  
2011-13 – OIG investigation ongoing.

Ms. Logsdon made a motion to approve the Complaint Committee recommendations, as presented. The motion, seconded by Ms. Horsford, carried unanimously.

### **APPLICATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Applications Committee met on September 13, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the Office of Occupations and Professions 911 Leawood Drive, Frankfort Kentucky.

#### **Initial Applications**

**Approved (38):** *Jeremy Adkins, Becki Bower, Elizabeth Brodfuehrer, Cheri Burton, Terry Carroll, Stephanie Case, Charley Caudill, Jessica Clemons, Amanda Cooper, Kathleen Downs, Rebecca Ford, Debra Forman, Logan Giannini, Rachel Hall, Laura Henson, Amy Lack, Stephanie Larkins, Amanda Lewis, Shannon Lipsteuer, Jessica Loman, Joseph Loving-Watts, Katie Mason, Christian Mills, Julie Oehler, Megan Osborn, Lauren Payne, Marcus Poer, Raymond Poggenborg, Brittany Raney, Shawn Schaffer, Neila Schuhmann, Jacqueline Segura, Contina Spencer, Monica Taylor, Brittany Wade, Megan Wilson, Angie Wolf, Derek Wood*

**Approved Pending (4):** *Mary Dunn, Megan Holland, Aimee Osborne, Angela Wood*

**Deferred (8) –** *Caressa Bohannon, Holly Brummel, Tenisha Compton, Doris Driskell, James Johnson, Yoleidis Ricardo, Colene Tyler, Katherine Phillips*

**Preliminary Determination of Denial (4) –** *Edith Anders, Stephanie Anderson, Michelle Koenigsknecht, Nataliya Yarnall*

#### **Endorsements**

**Approved (6):** *Kelly Abrams, Aja Arrowood, Rose Craynon, Christine Kiely, Evie March, Hamrawit Tsegaye*

**Approved pending additional requirements (1):** *Terry Urekew*

#### **Online Renewals**

**Approved (25):** *Lee Bay-McCormick, Amanda Brodeur, Patricia Bullock, Holly Burden, William Chaney, Emily Clifton, Brian Dell, Phillip Dennis, Barbara Downing, Bobby Farmer, Michelle Hager, Sherry Keesee, Anthony Knight, Rebecca Matthews, OK McDowell, Jim Nobbe, Ellen Pharis, Ashley Pollitt, Sherry Rayhill, Kay Qualls, Aleah Savage, Whitney Walden, Whitney West, Richard Wilson, Erica Wolfe*

**Approved pending additional requirements (4):** *Karla Boggs, Devon Brooksbank, Kathleen Oswald, Nina Tovar*

**Deferred (1):** *Adra Parsons*

**Renewals**

**Approved (14):** *Paula Buck, Christopher Conley, Jill England, Nancy Houser, Peggy Kopacz-Napier, Charcee Lakes, Hong Liu, James Raab, Katherine Schmidt, Cameron Shanks, Ashley Shears, Sylvia Smith, Deborah Walroth, Peggy Wells*

**Approved pending additional requirements (4):** *Lynzie Embry, Jennifer Moorman, Mary Ray, Julie Wilbur*

**Approved request for inactive status (1):** *Tabitha Lipps,*

**Deferred (1):** *Xianglan Xu*

**Continuing Education**

**Approved (1):** *Spinal Reflex Therapy Basic Certification Program*

Ms. Turner moved to accept the report from the applications Committee. The motion, seconded by Ms. Logsdon, carried unanimously.

**Guest**

Aimee Osborne asked to address with board with regard to her dissatisfaction with the way her application for licensing had been handled. Because Ms. Osborne had attended Spencerian College in Louisville Ms. Logsdon recused herself and left the room during the discussion and subsequent vote.

Following discussion, Ms. Horsford made a motion that the application of Ms. Osborne be approved pending receipt of Ms. Osborne's exam scores. Ms. Turner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**TRAVEL AND PER DIEM**

Ms. Logsdon made a motion to approve the travel and per diem for members attending today's meeting. The motion, seconded by Ms. Horsford, carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN**

With no further business to be brought before the board Ms. Turner made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 1:13 p.m. on Monday, September 19, 2011. The motion, seconded by Ms. Horsford, carried unanimously.